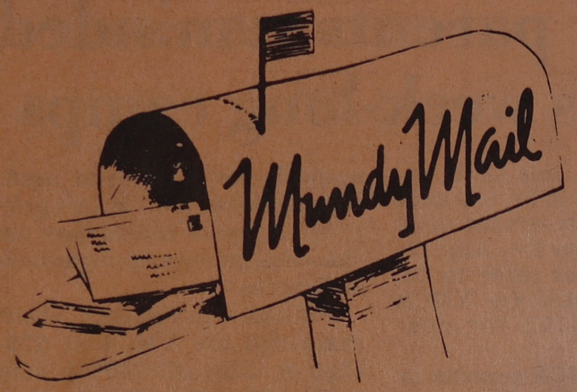

By CATHERINE MUNDY

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY — The Women's Club of Arcadia celebrated its 73rd birthday recently at the clubhouse, 324 S. First Ave. Another highlight of the day was the installation of new officers by former mayor and past president Floretta K. Lauber. She carried out the club's official colors of pink and green. Pale pink tapers were used in the inspirational candlelight ceremony. When introduced, Mrs. Lauber was presented with a white orchard corsage.

New officers installed for the 1987-88 year included Mary C. Martinetti, taking office for the second time as president, and Joyce Roehrl, Vi Cook and Pat Bowman as vice presidents. Others were Meg Cleghorn, Gertrude Pettit, Yvette Shannon, Alice Del Rey, Val Rajnus and Marjorie Ellis. Ruth Hawkins and Donna Osgood are in charge of Bridgefest. This years officers were thanked for their work and efforts in contributing toward the $7,000 devoted to the local philanthropies of the club.

Beautiful floral arrangements by Joyce Roehrl of pink carnations and spider mums graced the table. Following the ceremony the president was given a beautiful blooming cymbidium orchid plant by the membership and Mrs. Lauber received a lovely crystal rose vase by the club president. The catered lunch which followed featured a birthday cake honoring the club's 73rd anniversary.

The club has a long history associated with our town, and I was involved with the organization years ago. The club has its beginnings in 1912, and the very first organization was called the Cooperative Arcadians. This group of women with visions of the future growth of the city, organized into the Women's Club of Arcadia in 1914. in 1920 they joined the District and State Federation.

The first meetings were held in the homes of members, but they planned and dreamed of the time when they could have their own clubhouse. The first building fund project was a doughnut sale that netted $7, a small beginning but the fund grew. Through the devoted service of the members, the club purchased two lots at 324 S. First Ave., and on July 30, 1931, the completed building was dedicated.

The group began to stir interest in civic improvement. The club's objectives were: civic improvement, intellectual development and mutual help, later changed to social enjoyment. "Let's Build Together," was adopted as the local club slogan. "The weaker sex," began showing the men of the town how to promote good works for the community.

They believed there would be advantages in advertising the city by entering a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. In the Fall of 1914, their delegation appeared before the city council and requested $200 to cover the cost of financing its entry. In contrast, Arcadia's entry in last year's Rose Parade, sponsored by the Arcadia Tournament of Roses Association, cost $55,000, at no cost to the city. The council responded to the Woman's Club's request and the first float proudly traveled the streets of Pasadena on New Year's Day. However it wasn't the city's money that financed it, for prior to the parade Anita Baldwin came forth and offered to pay the bill. Her offer was accepted and the city council voted her the tcity's thanks for her contribution.

The Cooperative Arcadians also provided the first community Christmas Tree for the children of Arcadia. The Community Christmas tree was continued for many years, and I remember well taking my children, along with all the others, to receive stockings filled with goodies. The presentation was made by Santa Claus beneath the huge decorated tree on the lawn of the old City Hall on the corner of First Avenue and Huntington Drive.

In line with the objective of intellectual development, the club had outstanding sections in literature, music, drama and gardening. The women studied and presented fine programs.

Women interested in learning more about the Women's Club of Arcadia are asked to call the membership chairwoman, Jackie Cooley at 355-0625.

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AAUW is a nationwide organization for women graduates of accredited four-year colleges and universities who are interested in social and educational advancement. Women interested in joining may call Louise McConnell at 446-6481.

Woman's Club donates funds

San Gabriel Valley parents reminded to apply for YMCA's week-long camps

In just a few weeks campers from the San Gabriel Valley will be boarding YMCA buses heading for Camp Ta Ta Pochon and a busy week.

Boys and girls can look forward to canoeing on Jenks Lake, swimming in the pool, hiking, doing srts and crafts, exploring the stream, playing field sports and games, practicing archery and air rifle skills, camping out and more.

All activities are lead by trained YMCA leaders. Each counselor has a group of seven to 10 boys or girls and leads them into new friendships and activities.

Other activites at camp include the ropes course, outdoor chapels, campfires with skits and singing, outdoor cooking and the YMCA Raggers Program.

"YMCA Camp is special because we know that the real benefit comes the Christian values we pass on to campers, combined with the beauty of God's natural world," said Doug Grimm, director of camping, " Add this to the love and concern our counselors have for kids and you can't miss."

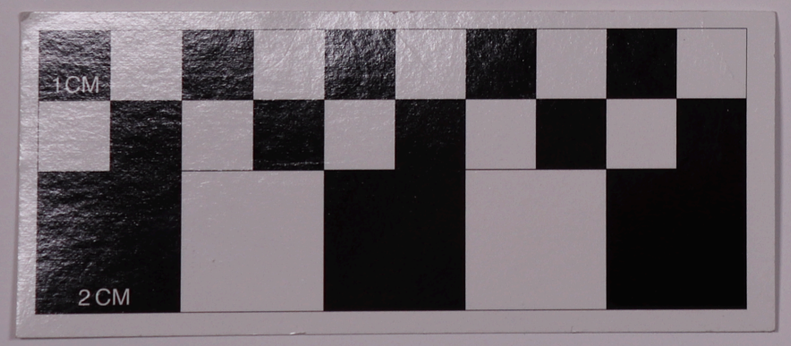
Dates of camp are Session 1 — July 5-11, co-ed, grades three to eight; Session 2 — July 11-18, co-ed grades three to eight; Session three — July 18-25, co-ed, grades seven to 11; Session 4 — Aug. 1-8, girls, grades three to 10; and Session 5 — Aug. 15-22, co-ed, grades three to 10. The fees are $155 for YMCA members or $175 for non-members.

By selling YMCA peanuts or almonds, fmilies cut the cost of camp. Camperships also are available for families in need, which upholds the YMCA's policy of "Everyone should have the chance to go to camp regardless of finances."

For more information about camp call the YMCA at 576-0226 or (213) 183-7466 or stop by the office at 10 N. Almansor St., Alhambra.

Monrovia Guild welcomes seven new provisionals

June Shafer, president of the Monrovia Guild of Children's Hospital, has welcomed seven new provisional members and four new associate members to the ranks of the long-time philanthropic group.

Those provisionals include Wilma Anderson, Jeri Cooper, Audene Georgi, Judy Knoop, Karen Poindexter, Charlotte Schamadan and Jan Wight. Hazel Crawford, Lu Cubberly, Dorothy Wisse and Ruth Yoder comprise the new associates.

Mrs. Shafer also announced at a recent meeting the names of her board apointees for the coming year. Heading the various committees are: Sue Williams, ways and means; Phyllis Brady, membership; Sandy Hollifield, Day at the Races; Jan Holland and Mary Smith, Doll Fair; Pat Yates, Christmas cards; Judy Winschel, Christmas party; Peggy Jaffe, bulletin; Jan Platt, yearbook; Janice Law, United Way, and Ruth Faith, associates.